

St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

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In Residence: Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div.

PERMANENT DEACONS:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano • Deacon Dennis J. Besida • Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,
10:30am & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:
7:30, 11:30am & 7:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:
Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Ms. Joan Ferraer

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MUSIC MINISTRIES:
Nancy A. Cardone

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MUSIC MINISTERS:
Kimberley Mesiti

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Eileen Conte, Chairperson
Jean Barbetta, Vice Chairperson
Michael Pasquale, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:
Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:
(Penance/Confessions)
Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN
DEVOTIONS:
Mondays
Novena Prayer
11:30am Mass

LITURGY OF
THE WORD
WITH CHILDREN:
Sundays: 10:30am Mass
September - June

CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
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OFFERING SOCIAL
SERVICE ASSISTANCE
1(800) CCS-7413
Fax: 596-3735

May 15, 2011 . 4th Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 15

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Caputo Family – Daughter

Sunday, May 15

7:30 am Rocco M. Donatiello – Family

9:00 am Ann DiLaura – Family

10:30 am Ceil Ofsak – Family

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 16

7:30 am Stephen Shopa – Family

11:30 am Rocco Donatiello – Friend

Tuesday, May 17

7:30 am Jacqueline Sefjack – Husband

11:30 am Roselind Berry – Bequest

Wednesday, May 18

7:30 am Begley Family – Bequest

11:30 am Mary Del Prete – Bequest

Thursday, May 19

7:30 am Samuel E. Battista (8th Anniv.) – Family

11:30 am Nicholas Del Prete – Bequest

Friday, May 20

7:30 am Fred & Catherine Winters – Bequest

11:30 am Arthur Mc Garry – Bequest

Saturday, May 21

8:30 am James Collins – Family

Sunday, May 22

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 22

7:30 am Gloria & Pat Clark – Sister

9:00 am Josephine & Anna Stevens – Family

10:30 am Nicholas & Maria Marchesani – Bequest

12:00 pm Mariann Castelano – Friend

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Delaney Kurbyla-Cell (infant), Gerlinde Woititz
Frank Korec, Nicholas Biecksha, Billy Kleissler
Ariella Chivil, Jerome Schwartz, Dolores Jones

REST IN PEACE:

Mary Tizzano

CANDLE INTENTIONS:

Church: Mildred Finlay
Rectory: Enrique V. Celis
Convent: Mary Lawlor



**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

One of the central images of Christ in our liturgy and art is the Lamb of God. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we see a contrasting image, for Christ is also the shepherd of the sheep.

FIRST READING: This passage from the Acts of the Apostles picks up where last Sunday's reading left off. Peter concludes his address by demonstrating to the crowd that the Jesus whom they crucified was the chosen one of God, the Christ. The people are "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37), and this emotion leads to action: they accept a relationship with Jesus through Baptism. It is the same for the whole Church in these Easter days. We have "mourned for Christ's sufferings" (Roman Missal, Solemn Blessings of Easter) in the seasons of Lent and Triduum; but our mourning is meant to lead us to action, to conversion of heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23 praises God as the Good Shepherd who leads us out of dark valleys to restful waters and a banquet at his table.

SECOND READING: St. Peter continues to reflect on the reality of suffering and persecution to the early Christian community. He directs their gaze toward Jesus. How did he respond to the cruel treatment meted out to him? With patient endurance and forgiveness, without retaliation. By doing so, Christ not only won forgiveness for our sins, but left us "an example that you should follow in his footsteps" (1 Peter 2:21). The reading ends with an echo of Isaiah 53:6: we are the sheep who had gone astray, but now we have been gathered into the fold by Christ, "shepherd and guardian" (1 Peter 2:25).

GOSPEL The words of Jesus come between the healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees, who stubbornly resist his words and witness, and he uses language they should understand, for his "figure of speech" (John 10:6) is rich in echoes of the Old Testament. The image of God as shepherd reaches back to the book of Genesis (48:15), to Psalm 23, to the prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah. In the second part of the reading Jesus speaks even more clearly: he is "the gate for the sheep" (John 10:7), and his is the unmistakable voice of the true shepherd. In the Gospel according to John, the "I am" statements are especially important, for in these statements Jesus reveals his oneness with the Father. Jesus is both the gate and the shepherd.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL



2011/2012 REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

To schedule a visit, please call 973.338.8505

- Pre K3 through 8th grades
- Full-Day or Half-Day Pre K & K
- Middle States Accredited
- BeforeCare & AfterCare Programs
- Advanced Technology
- Jr. High Science / Synergistics Program
- Physical Education for all grades
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- Art & Music Classes
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ATTENTION STA ALUMNI



Please check out the Alumni Registration page on our website www.stthomastheapostlenj.com

Religious Education News

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend and next. It has been a wonderful year of learning more about our faith and preparing to receive Jesus for the first time. Thank you to all the parents who have worked so hard at home with their children getting them ready for this exciting time. A special thank you to all our 2nd grade teachers – Kim and Joan Baldasare, Gerrie Michalek, Maria De Rosa, Nina Ofsak, Eileen O’Grady, Phylliss Scimone, Monica Nader, Silvana Di Vito, and Ellen Naughton – for all their time, patience and peace throughout the year. May you continue to receive Jesus each week at mass.



Prayer Partner notes and gifts will only be accepted in the church until May 15th.

CCD reminder – the last week of CCD is May 23rd and 24th. Registrations packages for the fall are due by May 31st. If you have not received one please call the office at 338-7400.

Summer CCD reminder – dates July 5th through July 15th 9:00 -12:30 each day.

We need adults or young adults to help lead our recreation and snack segments of Vacation Bible School. If interested and available June 27th through July 1st from 9:00-12:00 each day please call Tracey at 338-7400. Any Confirmation Candidates in need of community service hours are also invited to help with VBS. Please call the office for a permission slip.

STA 2011 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This summer, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will again be offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program. Through storytelling, arts & crafts, music, and play, the children will be introduced to stories from the New Testament. The program this year, Son Surf Beach Bash, promises to be exciting for all ages.

KEY INFORMATION:

- Eligibility:** Children ages 4 through 12
- Dates:** Mon., June 27th - Fri., July 1st
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Place:** St. Thomas the Apostle School
- Registration:** Pre-registration only. All completed forms (one per child) and registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office (located in the basement of St. Thomas School) on/before June 11th. Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from www.stachurchbloomfield.com. If your child is coming with a friend and they want to be together, please write a note, "My child would like to be with..." Children from all parishes and schools are welcome!
- Registration Fee:** \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). \$10 late fee will be charged after June 11th
- Volunteers:** The program is run by volunteers. Please sign up for all or part of the week.
- Nursery:** Provided only for parents working as volunteers in the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (973) 338-7400.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!

Registration Form -- Please print – One form per child

CHILD’S NAME: _____

PARENT’S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ **PRESENT GRADE:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- YES!** I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL ME.
- SORRY!** I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle**

STA SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES & EVENTS

"THIS WEEK"

Monday – 5/16

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter

Wednesday – 5/18

SCC Wednesday/Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Andrew

Thursday – 5/19

Job Seekers – 7:00pm in St. Peter

Friday – 5/20

SCC Friday – 6:30pm in St. Peter

BRIAN MURPHY, HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

The Holy Name Society of St. Thomas invites you all to the annual Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies for Mass and Dinner honoring Brian Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Mass begins at 7pm at St. Valentines and dinner following at The Essex Manor, Broughton Avenue, Bloomfield. Cost is \$35 per person. Make all checks to St. Thomas.

Needless to say, we are very proud of Brian, (soon to be Deacon) for his dedication and commitment to our Faith, Church And Community. He is an outstanding awardee and truly deserves your prayers and thanks for all he does on our behalf.

For reservations, call Paul Alongi Sr. at 973-338-4665 or the Parish Center, 973-338-9190.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



The main source of operating funds for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is our weekly offertory contribution. To assist us in being good stewards of God's gift of treasure, our contribution from last weekend is compared below to the amount we need this week to meet our budget. You may have noticed this amount will vary. This is because our budget varies by season, just as yours does. The year to date (YTD) amount compared to the budget is also shown below. This line will be updated monthly.

Easter Collection: \$50,771

May 1 Collection \$16, 166

May 9 Collection: \$17,305

YTD shortfall as of April 30: (46,237)

Adult Education Understanding the New Translation

On Thursday, May 26th from 7:30-9:00 p.m., Fr. Tom Dente will explain the upcoming changes in the translation of the Mass. Fr. Dente is the Head of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark. The meeting will be held in the St. Peter room of the parish center. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated and payable at the door. To register or for more information call Bob Miller at 973.338.9190 x131.

St. Thomas the Apostle Women's Cornerstone Reunion

Dear Cornerstone Member,

You are invited to join us for Brunch at our Women's Cornerstone Reunion. It will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2011 immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. Our reunion will be held in Herron Hall Cafeteria in St. Thomas the Apostle School.

We are hoping to reunite all of the women from the past six Cornerstone Retreats:

- Cornerstone I "Windows of Hope"
- Cornerstone II "Imagine"
- Cornerstone III "Journey Together"
- Cornerstone IV "Be Still"
- Cornerstone V "O God, You Search Me"
- Cornerstone VI "Anything Can Happen at the Well"

We hope that you can join us for a celebration of friendships made at Women's Cornerstone.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling Sister Arleen at 973-338-9190

or Marianne Sommerkamp at 973-667-9575. You can also email your response to msomni04@cvaol.com

Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program

The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9am to 8pm. Call the Parish Center 973-338-9190 ext. 120. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.



Right to Life

For all those responsible for the medical care of elderly relatives: That they may be guided in all their medical decisions by the voice of the Eternal Shepherd;

We pray to the Lord

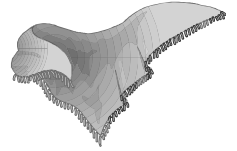
HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT
 MEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT
 HOUSE, WHERE GOD AND SEA COME TOGETHER,
 IS SET FOR JULY 15-17.



THE THEME FOR THE 2011 WEEKEND RETREAT IS:
 ST. JOHN NEWMANN.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THIS MOST
 ENJOYABLE AND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND
 AT THE NEW JERSEY SHORE SHOULD CONTACT FRANK
 HELMSTETTER AT 973-338-5872 BY JUNE 1st 2011.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry
 will meet May 15th at 11:30am
 in the Parish Center



We welcome all who wish to work and pray with us. If you can not attend, please drop off finished baby blankets. Make sure your name is attached. Please contact us if there is someone to whom you wish to give a shawl. Sister Arleen@973-338-9190 Alicia 973-473-6633 *Let us continue to pray for those making shawls and those who receive them*



Quotes from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal

May 15, 2011 - Part 1 of 7

On November 27, 2011, the English speaking Church in the USA will begin using a new translation of the prayers used at Mass (The *Roman Missal*). A series of quotes explaining the parts of the Mass from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) will be posted here. These explanations are meant to help the reader participate more fully in the Sunday Mass. Please check here weekly.

The Importance and Dignity of the Eucharistic Celebration

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and the People of God...is the center of the whole Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful...It is therefore of the greatest importance that the celebration of the Mass...be so arranged that the sacred ministers and the faithful taking part in it...may derive from it more abundantly those fruits for the sake of which Christ the Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood...

This will best be accomplished if...the entire celebration is planned in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful both in body and in mind, a participation burning with faith, hope, and charity, of the sort which is desired by the Church and demanded by the very nature of the celebration, and to which the Christian people have a right and duty by reason of their Baptism. (GIRM 16, 17, 18)

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www.RomanMissalNewark.org

PARISH REGISTRATION



If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here, if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents—or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. Just call the Parish Center at (973) 338-9190 and let us know that you wish to register and the registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you.

JOB SEEKERS GROUP

Don't let your job search get you down. St. Thomas' Work Ministry offers a free, comfortable place to find support, ideas and inspiration. We meet on the first and third Thur. of every month at 7:30 in the Parish Center. Keep checking the bulletin for our programs geared to helping your job search. All are welcome to join us if you are looking for a job or need a person to fill a position. We ask any parishioner who knows of an opening at their company to send the open position information to us to be shared with our job seekers, (it will be shared anonymously). For more info, send an e-mail to workministry@stachurchbloomfield.com.

ST. THOMAS GOLF OUTING

MONDAY JUNE 6, 2011 * GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB * GLEN RIDGE , NJ
GOLF, CART, LUNCH, DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION \$250.00
COCKTAIL HOUR – DINNER AND SPORTS AUCTION-- \$75.00

REGISTRATION & LUNCH 11:00 – 12:30
SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 PM
COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30-6:30 DINNER AND AUCTION 6:30

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

TEL# _____ TEL# _____

I WOULD LIKE _____ RESERVATIONS @\$250.00 _____

PLEASE RESERVE ____ PLACES FOR DINNER/AUCTION@ 75.00 _____

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